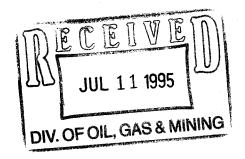
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July 6, 1995

Mr. Lynn Kunzler State of Utah Department of Natural Resources Division of Oil, Gas and Mining 355 West North Temple Salt Lake City, UT 84180-1203

Subject: Bingham Canyon Mine Biosolids Application

Dear Mr. Kunzler:

Kennecott's biosolids reclamation test plots at the Bingham Canyon Mine are proceeding well. Certain test plots are beginning to show significant vegetation establishment. The test plot of waste rock and subsoil that was amended with 30 dry tons per acre of biosolids has shown enough potential that Kennecott would like to test this combination of materials on a larger area.

Kennecott is hereby requesting to amend the Bingham Canyon Biosolids Test Plot program to include a 30 acre portion of the 6190 waste rock dump located south of the existing test plots. proposed area on the 6190 dump was included in Kennecott's original application and is shown on drawing No. 451-T-1218 (also included in the original submittal). The 6190 waste rock dump is located behind the water collection system described in the original No houses (public or private) or wells for human, application. livestock or agricultural use are located within 1.5 miles of the This area would be constructed by 6190 waste rock dump area. placing 2 feet of subsoil directly on the waste rock and amending it with 30 dry tons per acre of biosolids. The biosolids will be disced into the subsoil to a depth of 12 to 15 inches. biosolids will be the same as those used in the smaller original test plots. Kennecott views this additional area as an extension of the smaller test plots and does not believe a new permit is necessary. However, Kennecott recognizes that the original permit needs to be amended to include the additional 30 acres.

It should be noted that no baseline samples will be collected for the larger area as it will be constructed on identical waste rock with subsoil and biosolids that have already been tested. Kennecott intends to apply biosolids to this area as soon as agency Mr. Lynn Kunzler July 6, 1995 Page 2

approval is granted. Application of biosolids to the area is tentatively scheduled for late August 1995. The test plot will be reseeded this fall as part of Kennecott's fall reclamation program.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Jon Cherry at 569-6208.

Very truly yours,

Frederick D. Fox

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